

(d) **CONTRACTS.**—The Commission may enter into contracts with other entities, including contracts under which 1 or more entities, with the guidance of the Commission, conduct the study required under section 4(a).

(e) **POSTAL SERVICES.**—The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other agencies of the Federal Government.

SEC. 6. COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.

(a) **COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.**—A member of the Commission shall serve without pay, but shall be allowed a per diem allowance for travel expenses, at rates authorized for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from the home or regular place of business of the member in the performance of the duties of the Commission.

(b) **STAFF.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Chairperson of the Commission may, without regard to the civil service laws, including regulations, appoint and terminate an executive director and such other additional personnel as are necessary to enable the Commission to perform the duties of the Commission.

(2) **CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**—The employment of an executive director shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the Commission.

(3) **COMPENSATION.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Chairperson of the Commission may fix the compensation of the executive director and other personnel without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating to classification of positions and General Schedule pay rates.

(B) **MAXIMUM RATE OF PAY.**—In no event shall any employee of the Commission (other than the executive director) receive as compensation an amount in excess of the maximum rate of pay for Executive Level IV under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

(c) **DETAIL OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An employee of the Federal Government may be detailed to the Commission without reimbursement.

(2) **CIVIL SERVICE STATUS.**—The detail of a Federal employee shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

(d) **PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERVICES.**—On request of the Commission, the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, shall provide, on a reimbursable basis, such office space, supplies, equipment, and other support services to the Commission and staff of the Commission as are necessary for the Commission to carry out the duties of the Commission under this Act.

SEC. 7. REPORTS.

(a) **INTERIM REPORTS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the initial meeting of the Commission, the Commission shall submit an interim report containing a detailed summary of the progress of the Commission, including meetings and hearings conducted during the interim period, to—

(1) the President;

(2) the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

(3) the Committees on Environment and Public Works, Energy and Natural Resources, and Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(b) **FINAL REPORT.**—On termination of the Commission under section 9, the Commission shall submit a final report containing a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions

of the Commission and recommendations for legislation and other policies to implement those findings and conclusions, to—

(1) the President;

(2) the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

(3) the Committees on Environment and Public Works, Energy and Natural Resources, and Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(c) **TRANSPARENCY.**—A report submitted under subsection (a) or (b) shall be made available to the public electronically, in a user-friendly format, including on the Internet.

SEC. 8. FUNDING.

For each of fiscal years 2008 through 2010, upon request by the Commission—

(1) using amounts made available to the Secretary of Transportation from any source or account other than the Highway Trust Fund, the Secretary of Transportation shall transfer to the Commission \$750,000 for use in carrying out this Act;

(2) using amounts from the General Expenses account of the Corps of Engineers (other than amounts in that account made available through the Department of Defense), the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, shall transfer to the Commission \$250,000 for use in carrying out this Act; and

(3) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall transfer to the Commission \$250,000 for use in carrying out this Act.

SEC. 9. TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.

The Commission shall terminate on September 30, 2010.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in closed session to receive a briefing on drawdown planning for U.S. forces in Iraq.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 2, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in order to conduct a Hearing on the nominations of the Honorable Randall S. Kroszner, of New Jersey, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Ms. Elizabeth A. Duke, of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Mr. Larry A. Klane, of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-

tation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. During the Executive Session, Committee members will mark up the following agenda items:

1. S. 781, to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect Do-Not-Call Registry fees to fiscal years after fiscal year 2007;

2. S. 602, Child Safe Viewing Act of 2007;

3. S. 1578, Ballast Water Management Act of 2007;

4. S. 1892, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007; and

5. Nominations subject to July 31, 2007 Confirmation Hearing. (PN 571) Mr. Ronald Spoehele, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, (PN 522) Mr. William G. Sutton, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce. (PN 645) Vice Admiral Thomas J. Barrett, to be Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation. (PN 656) Mr. Paul R. Brubaker, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation. (PN 781) Nomination for Promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled Preserving Prosecutorial Independence: Is the Department of Justice Politicizing the Hiring and Firing of U.S. Attorneys?—Part VII” on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 10 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

Witness list

Karl Rove, The White House; J. Scott Jennings, The White House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a markup on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. in Dirksen room 226.

Agenda

I. Bills: S____, School Safety and Law Enforcement Improvements Act, (Chairman's mark); S. 1060, Recidivism Reduction & Second Chance Act of 2007, (Biden, Specter, Brownback, Leahy, Kennedy, Schumer, Whitehouse, Durbin); S. 453, Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2007; (Obama, Schumer, Leahy, Cardin, Feingold, Feinstein, Kennedy, Whitehouse); S. 1692, A bill to grant a Federal Charter to Korean War Veterans Association, (Cardin, Isakson,

Kennedy); S. 1845, A bill to provide for limitations in certain communications between the Department of Justice and the White House; (Whitehouse).

II. Nomination: Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 2, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in order to hold a closed hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 10 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Service Standards at the Postal Service: Are Customers Getting What They Paid For?"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, August 2, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1253, a bill to establish a fund for the National Park Centennial Challenge, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 2, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Reforming Key International Financial Institutions for the 21st Century."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator DODD, I ask unanimous consent that Dr. Carmen Green, a fellow in his office, be granted floor privileges. I ask unanimous consent that Ben Miller of the Finance Committee be granted floor privileges, both for the remainder of debate on this legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194, as amended by Public Law 101-595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), from the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), At Large.

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2007 AS "NATIONAL BOURBON HERITAGE MONTH"

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 19, 2007, AS "NATIONAL ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AWARENESS DAY"

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2007 AS "NATIONAL YOUTH COURT MONTH"

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UTAH LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

COMMENDING FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR HOLDING A CELEBRATION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed en bloc to the consideration of the following Senate resolutions which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 294, S. Res. 295, S. Res. 296, S. Res. 297, and S. Res. 298.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak in honor of an organization that has, over the last century, worked so amazingly hard to serve the people and communities of my home State of Utah. This year, the Utah League of Cities and Towns celebrates its 100th Anniversary.

The Utah League of Cities and Towns, ULCT, has done a wonderful job of representing hundreds of cities and towns throughout a large and growing State for 100 years now. Senator BENNETT and I are very proud of the way it has advocated for the success of each city and town throughout Utah and we would like to honor its wonderful accomplishment by introducing this resolution to celebrate its 100th anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join with me in supporting this resolution and in wishing the members of the ULCT an-

other 100 years of success in the century to come.

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions (S. Res. 294, S. Res. 295, S. Res. 296, S. Res. 297, and S. Res. 298) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

The resolutions, with their preambles, read as follows:

S. RES. 294

Whereas Congress declared bourbon as "America's Native Spirit" in 1964, making it the only spirit distinctive to the United States;

Whereas the history of bourbon-making is interwoven with the history of the United States, from the first settlers of Kentucky in the 1700s, who began the bourbon-making process, to the 2,000 families and farmers distilling bourbon in Kentucky by the 1800s;

Whereas bourbon has been used as a form of currency;

Whereas generations have continued the heritage and tradition of the bourbon-making process, unchanged from the process used by their ancestors centuries before;

Whereas individual recipes for bourbon call for natural ingredients, utilizing the local Kentucky farming community and leading to continued economic development for the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

Whereas generations of people in the United States have traveled to Kentucky to experience the family heritage, tradition, and deep-rooted legacy that the Commonwealth contributes to the United States;

Whereas each year during September visitors from over 13 countries attend a Kentucky-inspired commemoration to celebrate the history of the Commonwealth, the distilleries, and bourbon;

Whereas people who enjoy bourbon should do so responsibly and in moderation; and

Whereas members of the beverage alcohol industry should continue efforts to promote responsible consumption and to eliminate drunk driving and underage drinking: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 2007 as "National Bourbon Heritage Month";

(2) recognizes bourbon as "America's Native Spirit" and reinforces its heritage and tradition and its place in the history of the United States; and

(3) recognizes the contributions of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to the culture of the United States.

S. RES. 295

Whereas Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (also known as ADHD or ADD), is a chronic neurobiological disorder that affects both children and adults, and can significantly interfere with the ability of an individual to regulate activity level, inhibit behavior, and attend to tasks in developmentally-appropriate ways;

Whereas ADHD can cause devastating consequences, including failure in school and the workplace, antisocial behavior, encounters with the criminal justice system, interpersonal difficulties, and substance abuse;

Whereas ADHD, the most extensively studied mental disorder in children, affects an estimated 3 to 7 percent (4,000,000) of young school-age children and an estimated 4 percent (8,000,000) of adults across racial, ethnic, and socio-economic lines;

Whereas scientific studies indicate that between 10 and 35 percent of children with